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Fair weather and moderate temperatures tonight and Tuesday; gentle winds mostly from the southwest.											
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Burning Fuel Wedget

NIGHT
EXTRA

ROPE BY ROBBERS, MAN ROUTS BOTH AND DISABLES ONE

John Oertel, First Subdued by
Armed Burglars, Fights
Them With Feet

KICKS ONE OF INTRUDERS
IN WALLACE STREET HOME

Leaps Downstairs at Fleeing
Thug, Who Is Captured
by Patrolman

A bound and gagged man engaged in a desperate fight with two armed robbers in his home early today and finally routed them after he lunged halfway down a stairway, plunging into one of the intruders.

One of the burglars escaped in an automobile they had waiting outside. The other, who was injured, was caught when he attempted to escape in a bread wagon standing near the house.

The man who put up such a plucky fight was John Oertel, 1838 Wallace street. Oertel, who is a small man, was awakened about 2:45 o'clock by a noise in the next room.

As he jumped out of bed two men entered his room and switched on the lights. Covering him with revolvers they told him to be quiet. He refused, but was subdued after a struggle.

Bound and Gagged
He was bound and gagged and placed in bed. He struggled to a sitting position on the edge of the bed and watched the men loot his room.

Then, when one of the burglars came near him Oertel raised both feet and kicked him in the stomach. When his companion screamed the other intruder fled, striking Oertel as he ran by.

Oertel managed to flop on the man on the floor. The burglar struck him and got away. He staggered toward the stairs, too weak to run.

Oertel arose and hopped after him. The burglar had almost reached the street floor when Oertel arrived at the stair head. "Without hesitation Oertel flung himself down the stairs at the man.

Burglar Flees
He struck him with the full force of his body and both rolled down the stairs. The intruder again was the first to get up. He escaped out the front door.

When the fall had loosened Oertel's bonds somewhat, and he was able to call out, his cries were heard by Patrolman Callahan of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station, who was coming up to investigate after seeing the automobile leave in such haste.

Callahan chased the intruder. The man jumped into the bread wagon. Before he could get started, Callahan got him.

He told Magistrate Carney he was Edward Brown, twenty-seven years old, of Juniper street near Oregon avenue.

He was held without bail for court.

TWO ROBBED OF \$1800
Men Lured to Basement and Attacked by Armed Thugs

Two Mexicans were held up and robbed of \$1800 Saturday night in the basement of a house on Fairmount avenue above Tenth.

The victims, Alexandro Fuge, and Erelbond Uruta, of 613 South Hancock street, were lured into the basement of a house on Fairmount avenue above Tenth.

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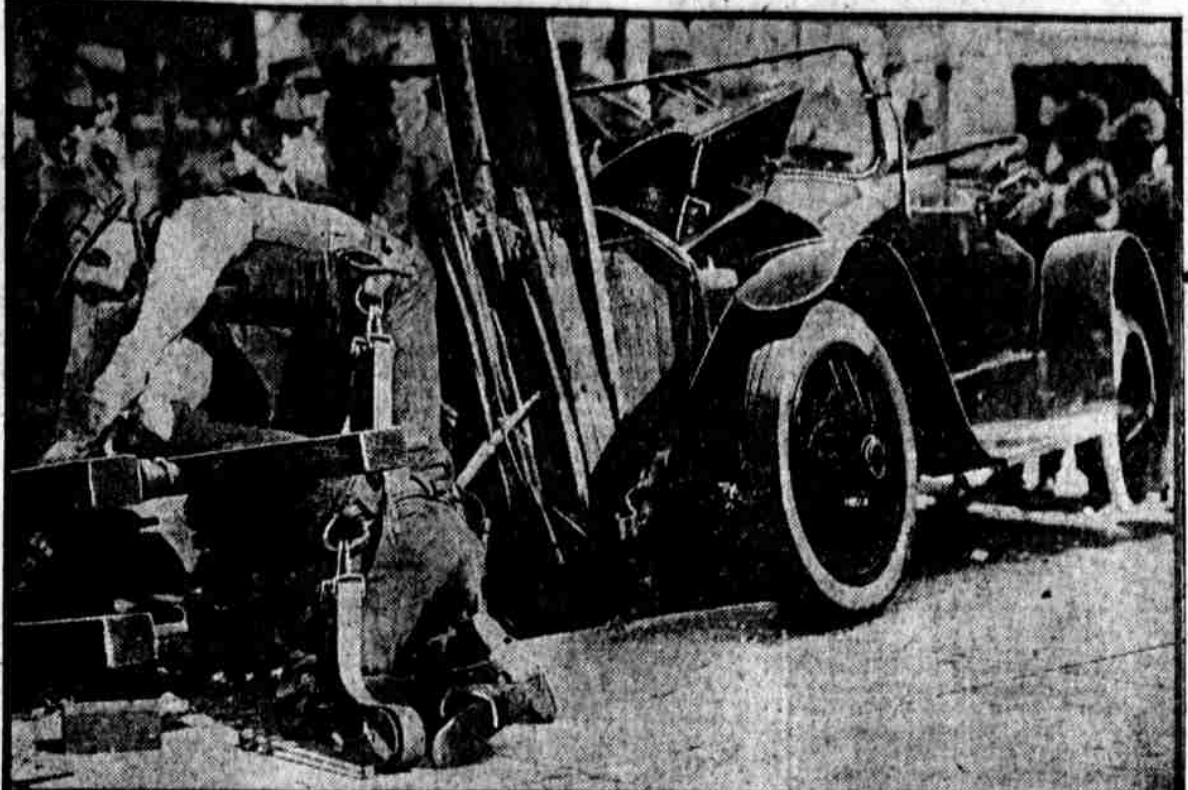
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AUTO HAS WILD TIME IN WALNUT STREET



Ledger Photo Service
Two persons were painfully injured in an auto accident yesterday at Forty-fourth and Walnut streets. The machine was going west on Walnut street and at Forty-third street struck a pole at Forty-fourth street, splitting the pole, causing it to be righted it ran in a zigzag course and struck a telephone pole at Forty-fourth street, splitting the pole, causing the upper portion to topple over.

MAYOR COMPLAINS OF LEGAL CHECKS

Tells Conference of Executives
Some of the Problems He
Faces Here

WANTS CONCERTED ACTION

Before a sympathetic audience composed of the mayors of twenty-five cities, Mayor Moore today told of his troubles as the chief executive of a great municipality, referring to the mandamus writ, the city's lack of government, and the fact that although City Hall was built for city government, two-thirds of its space is taken up by the courts.

"The Mayor frequently is hampered by state laws," said Mr. Moore. "Efforts to give the best service that is in his power frequently lead to misunderstanding. His efficiency is hampered often by legislative checks."

"These checks of ten are unreasonable. The citizens who pay taxes rightly are incensed when these taxes are raised. They are justified in their feeling of irritation, for often the taxes are raised not because of the city's needs but the state's legislative whim."

"In Philadelphia, 2,000,000 people are subject to the mandamus system. No budget, no matter how well worked out, is of profit against it. The law permits a judge to go out and buy what he wants and have it delivered and the city has to pay the bill."

"Our city hall was built by taxpayers of Philadelphia for the city government of Philadelphia. The city government of Philadelphia is a house on Fairmount avenue above Tenth."

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Fair Weather for First World Series Battle

New York, Oct. 4.—The weather bureau today gave a promise of favorable weather for the opening of the world series at Brooklyn tomorrow between the Dodgers and Cleveland Indians.

"Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler; moderate southwest to west winds," was the official forecast.

GIRL RESCUED AT FIRE

Bedridden Accident Victim Is Carried to Safety

A fifteen-year-old girl, helpless from injuries received in a motortruck accident, was rescued from her bed by her father when flames swept the first floor of the home of Edmond Brouillard, 659 South Seventeenth street, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The girl, Leona Brouillard, was knocked down and run over by a motortruck last week.

The flames, originating in the cellar from a defective flue, attacked the first floor and threatened the destruction of the house.

After reaching safety, Edmond Brouillard, father, remembered his injured daughter. He rushed back into the burning house, groped his way through the smoke, which filled the stairway, and reaching his daughter's bed carried her to the street.

Neighbors fought the blaze for half an hour with garden hose.

WOMAN LEAPS FROM PIER

Philadelphia Commits Suicide While Visiting Atlantic City

Mrs. R. Atkinson, of this city, a visitor at Atlantic City, committed suicide today by leaping into the ocean from the pier in the garden.

Roy Magill, an attaché of the pier, discovered the woman's body floating on the surface of the water, and notified the workmen, George Leitz, Lambert Johnson and Harry Baker, waded out and brought the body ashore.

About the same time the woman's coat and handbag were found on the pier. The bag contained a farewell note, with a request for a simple burial service.

The note was scrawled on a small sheet of paper and the handwriting gave evidence that the woman was laboring under a nervous strain.

The suicide was a woman about fifty-five years old. No other relatives could be ascertained. The Philadelphia police have been asked to locate relatives.

HURT AS VAN HITS TRUCK

Man, Unloading Vehicle, Knocked Down and Injured by Crash

John Foreman, of 5088 Wayne avenue, received a fracture of the right shoulder when a truck which he was unloading was struck by a moving van in front of his establishment at 10:45 o'clock this morning.

The van was driven by Louis Miller, twenty-two years old, of Sixteenth street near Lehigh avenue. Police say he tried to drive in front of the truck, but was blocked by the van.

The trolley car then struck the van which Miller was driving. Foreman was taken to the Germantown Hospital. Miller was arrested by a patrolman of the Germantown station.

SUGAR GOES DOWN AGAIN

New York Refining Company Quotes 12 1/2-Cent Price

New York, Oct. 4.—(By A. P.)—New low record prices for the year were established in both the raw and refined sugar markets this morning.

Prices were half a cent lower than the close of last week, with raw sugar selling on the basis of 8.51 duty paid, while refined was quoted at twelve and one-half cents a pound by the Federal Sugar Refining Co.

MINISTERS ATTACK P. R. T. CAMPAIGN

Dr. Clarence Long Says Public Is Insulted and Browbeaten in Propaganda Drive

WILL PROTEST TO MITTEN

Insolence, insults, subterfuge, deceit and even violence are being resorted to by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. to boost fares, according to the Rev. Clarence Long.

Doctor Long made his charges at the weekly meeting of the Presbyterian ministers in Witherspoon Hall today. A committee of clergymen will call on Thomas E. Mitten, company president, to demand an apology to the public.

Doctor Long's indictment of the transit dispute into the orderly ministerial meeting caused a great sensation. One clergyman opposed it at first, and all later voted to send the grievance committee.

"Everybody is vitally interested in the transit fight," Doctor Long said. "Every car is plastered with company propaganda. I have ridden on eighteen cars on eleven routes during the last two days, making sick calls, and I want to complain of the action of the employees."

"Using Cloak of Subterfuge"
"The company is acting in a cloak of subterfuge and deceit. The employees are being browbeaten and insulted. They are being forced to do away with free transfers to the point of insult and indecency. I myself have witnessed one case where blame was shed actually."

"I saw a gray-haired old woman get in a trolley car, pay her fare and ask for a transfer. The conductor gave her a propaganda card instead, told her to 'get down and read this' and then shoved her."

"The woman, so old she was weak, fell from his push and was cut by the impact upon the hard floor. The conductor never apologized for the act."

"I heard another conductor tell a woman, evidently refined, to 'get out of here,' when she asked him for a transfer. At the same time he gave her one of the propaganda cards."

"Not all the conductors are rude. I talked to some who were gentlemen. They told me the employees were carrying out instructions. The public should demand an apology from Mr. Mitten."

"The company operates primarily to carry the members of the working class and a fare rise is class discrimination. Most of these people use more than one car to get to and from their places of employment."

The company says that 10,000 persons willingly paid the voluntary increase. I question that. I talked with many people who paid it because they did not want to avoid the abuse of the conductors."

When Doctor Long finished Dr. George B. Well moved that the committee be formed to demand an apology from Mr. Mitten. Dr. M. J. Hyman opposed it on the ground that the meeting should take no action on such matters.

"We should," Doctor Bell responded. "And I press my motion."

The motion was seconded and then adopted unanimously.

AUTO THIEVES BUSY

Six Machines Stolen During Week-End—Four Are Recovered

Six automobiles were stolen in the city during the week-end. Four of these cars were recovered early today.

William H. Wilson, a real estate operator, who lives at Tulpehocken street near Germantown avenue, lost his car, valued at \$5000, late Saturday night. It was recovered by the police at the alias of Schuykill today.

Walnut street, Fortieth and Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets, Louis Sumner, 350 North Third street, lost his machine stolen at Ninth and Vine streets early today and returned after the police found it abandoned in the northwestern portion of the city.

G. C. Burrows, 6010 Columbia avenue, lost his car at Midvale and Allegheny streets. It was recovered at Wayne avenue and Bristol pike.

The two cars not recovered belonged to Benjamin Helstein, 420 South Sixth street, and G. H. Barton, 6038 Delancey street.

To Award French-German Prize

MAN WITH SATCHEL OF DYNAMITE MAY UNRAVEL N. Y. PLOT

Alleged Radical Arrested in Pittsburgh Faces Charge of Transporting Explosives

TRAIN COMPANION TELLS
OF ZELENAKA'S ACTIONS

No Evidence Given to Connect
Suspect Directly With Wall
Street Blast

By the Associated Press

New York, Oct. 4.—Renewed vigor was instilled today into the investigation of the origin of the mysterious Wall street explosion, September 16, as a result of the arrest at Pittsburgh yesterday of Florenz Zeleznaka, a member of the Justice agents said they attached special significance to the arrest.

On learning of Zeleznaka's arrest in Pittsburgh, where he was arrested with dynamite was found in his room, federal agents visited the Brooklyn address he gave when arrested and established these facts:

That Zeleznaka left his room at 470 Cleveland street, in the foreign section, an hour or more before the explosion.

That he carried a reddish yellow bag. That he formerly was employed by the Hercules Powder Co.

Find Radical Literature
That he left in his room a large quantity of alleged radical Russian literature.

Michael Terkasky, a tailor at the Brooklyn address, told government agents he had rented a room to Zeleznaka and gave other information concerning him. In a foreign-made trunk left by Zeleznaka was a Russian passport issued in 1918.

Leon Konkel, a steamfitter, the man who gave the Pittsburgh authorities the information which led to the arrest of Zeleznaka, arrived here today from Pittsburgh to tell his story to the federal authorities.

The wild agents of the Department of Justice said that while he was traveling from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh with the suspect the latter had informed him that he had exploded in his hotel room, and gloated over the Wall street explosion.

Konkel said that he had him arrested after he had seen dynamite in his traveling companion's suitcase at a hotel in the Pennsylvania city.

Eligible for \$20,500 Rewards
If Konkel's information leads to a solution of the New York disaster he is eligible for the \$20,500 rewards offered for tips leading to arrest of the guilty parties.

After questioning Konkel, a New Yorker, at length, officials of the Department of Justice declared he had no possession and that of Joseph Greenspan, that reputedly directly to connect Zeleznaka with the Wall street explosion.

They expressed the opinion that Zeleznaka, who formerly worked in the mines of West Virginia, had obtained his dynamite there. They said that a charge of illegally transporting explosives probably would be lodged against him either in Pittsburgh or Cincinnati.

The possibility that there may be a connection between the arrest of Zeleznaka and that of Joseph Greenspan in Brooklyn last Friday, was advanced here today, but official comment was lacking.

Greenspan, when arrested for loitering in a building, declared he knew who placed the bomb in Wall street. His room, like Zeleznaka's, was said by the police to be contained radical literature. Both men are natives of Russia.

Greenspan is under observation in a Brooklyn hospital.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 4.—(By A. P.)—Information obtained from Florenz Zeleznaka, of Brooklyn, arrested here last night with a quantity of dynamite in his possession, and that of Joseph Greenspan, of Brooklyn, last Friday, was advanced here today, but official comment was lacking.

Clues Zeleznaka furnished may lead to scores of arrests in Brooklyn and New York. He could furnish no good reason, police said, for having the explosives in his possession, and is alleged to have remarked to Leon Konkel, a companion on the train:

"I will have the stuff there tomorrow."

Another remark attributed to him as he was being placed in his cell was: "See what we did in Wall street. Next time it will be bigger and more terrible. The last was only a start."

Department of Justice agents said today that they had not questioned Zeleznaka during the week-end, but seemed badly frightened, and they had allowed the police to return him to a cell in the central station.

It was stated at the Federal building today that during the week-end, more than \$400 in cash was taken from the steward's room and a diamond pin belonging to John Mealy, the steward, was stolen. The club is located at 3158 Frankford avenue.

DOG SPILLS PATROLMAN

James Sniffin, a Gloucester, N. J., patrolman, was slightly hurt today when a motorcycle on which he was riding was overturned by a blind dog at Seventh and Division streets. Sniffin was cut about the hands and his right leg was bruised.

Crabapple! The new crop of fresh fruit now selling for 20c per bushel. Ask for Estator brand—24c.

Girl Falls Two Stories in Morals Court Escape

Sheet-Rope Breaks as Prisoner Tries to Slide to Street—Two Others Get Away, but One Is Recaptured in Tenderloin

A girl probably suffered a broken back when bed sheets made into a rope broke when she was climbing down in what was planned to be a wholesale delivery from today to the Morals Court, Twelfth and Wood streets.

Two girls who preceded Mary Bradley, the injured one, escaped. One, Margaret McGee, was arrested later in the tenderloin, and the other, Myrtle Cash, is still at liberty. The delivery occurred early yesterday morning.

The three were confined on the third floor of the building along with nearly a score of other girls. The court officials believe all intended to escape, as most of the sheets in the room were commandeered for the rope.

Myrtle Cash was the first to essay the climb down the sheet-rope along the brick wall of the building. She reached the dark pavement on Wood street in safety and hurried away.

Then Margaret McGee lowered herself out the window, and, watched by the anxious eyes of other prisoners, also slid down the rope to safety.

She then the Bradley girl tried the trip. She started out with a strong hand-under-hand movement, and was making rapid progress toward the ground. She was opposite the second floor when the sheets parted.

The cries of the other prisoners when they saw her dashed to the brick pavement aroused the guards. They ran out and found her on the pavement, unconscious. She was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

Physicians say she probably has a fractured spine. An X-ray of her back will be taken today to make certain the extent of her injuries.

Margaret McGee had waited for the

Bradley girl. She was seen to leave the second shortly after the guards ran out. Girls confined at the Morals Court building sleep in a dormitory with no guard in the room. "Virtually every bed in the room was stripped for sheets for the rope. None of the girls raised an alarm until after the accident."

WANDERER ON TRIAL
FOR LIFE IN CHICAGO

Veteran Who Confessed Killing Wife and 'Ragged Stranger' Faces Jury Today

Chicago, Oct. 4.—(By A. P.)—Lieutenant Carl Wanderer went on trial for his life today charged with the murder of his young wife and a "ragged stranger" whom Wanderer tricked to his death to substantiate a story of an attempted hold-up.

Mrs. Wanderer, who was soon to become a mother, and the stranger were shot to death in the hallway of Wanderer's apartments. Wanderer said the man had attempted to rob them and that he shot Mrs. Wanderer. He then killed his wife's assailant, he said.

Wanderer was arrested and after being grilled for three days confessed, according to the police, that, tired of the responsibilities of married life, he had decided to kill his wife, take her \$1500 savings and re-nail. According to the police, he had hired a "poor bum" to stage the fake hold-up.

P. R. T. ASKS QUICK ACTION ON 5-CENT FARE

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. today filed a petition with the Public Service Commission, Mayor Moore and City Solicitor Smyth to charge a straight five-cent fare, eliminating transfers and exchanges, upon one day's notice. The company's step is taken without awaiting further action by the transportation committee of Council.

GERMAN FIRMS AFTER FIAT AUTO WORKERS

TURN, Oct. 4.—Representatives of a German automobile firm, the Delmar Motor Co., which manufactures the Mercedes machine, are here attempting to obtain men formerly employed at the Fiat automobile plant to work in Germany. They seek to take advantage of the present labor situation in Italy, it is said, and engage experts to go to Germany. Negotiations continue looking to the transformation of the Fiat plant into a workmen's co-operative concern and hope is expressed that the Banca Commerciale of this city will finance the scheme.

GRIEF KILLS GIRL
AS BROTHER DIES

Teresa Lynch, Heart-Broken, Arranges Funeral, Then Lies Down in Last Sleep

WILL BE BURIED TOGETHER

There will be a double funeral Wednesday at the home of My